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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE; PRESENTS SHALL COME;

Rogers NK Seed Co.

Colhereas. There has been presented to the

Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED NOVEL VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLI-CANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF eighteen YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE RIGHT TO EX-CLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR IMPORTING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT RIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT FAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

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In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Plant Variety Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D.C. this 31st day of December the year of our Lord one thousand nine

hundred and ninety-two.

Plant Variety Protection Office Agricultural Marketing Service

APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE (Instructions on reverse)					FORM APPROVED: OMB NO. 0681-0065 Application is required in order to determine if a plant variety protection certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421). Information is held confidential until certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).		
Rogers NK Seed Company	01/7/93	D83353	RY DESIGNATION	1	nardian 3/28/90		
4. ADDRESS (Street and No. or R.F.D. No., City, Sta P.O. Box 4727 Boise, Idaho 83711	te, and Zip Code)		322-7272	PVPC	POR OFFICIAL USE ONLY NUMBER 8900192		
6. GENUS AND SPECIES NAME Phaseolus vulgaris	7. FAMILY NAME (DUISINGS)			FILING	DATE OF . 19,1989 TIME □ A.M. □ P.M.		
B. KIND NAME Dry Edible Bean September 1988					\$ 1800 00 DATE Cape . 181989		
10. IF THE APPLICANT NAMED IS NOT A "PERSON," GIVE FORM OF ORGANIZATION (Corporation, partnership, association, etc.) Corporation					\$ 200,000 DATE DEC. 1, 1992		
11. IF INCORPORATED, GIVE STATE OF INCORP	ORATION			12. F	eb. 25, 1975		
BOISE, Idaho 83711 14 CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH ATTA a. Exhibit A, Origin and Breeding History of b. Exhibit B, Novelty Statement. C. Exhibit C, Objective Description of Varied Exhibit D, Additional Description of Variety Exhibit E, Statement of the Basis of App 15. DOES THE APPLICANT(S) BPECIFY THAT SEE SEED? (See Section 83(a) of the Plant Variety Proposed Section 84(a) of the Plant Variety Proposed Section 84(a) of the Plant Variety Propos	of the Variety (Se ety (Request formaticty). Solicant's Ownersh DOF THIS VAR Protection Act.)	e Section 52 of in from Plant Ve ip.	D BY VARIETY NAM	otectionice.)	TY AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED 16 and 17 below) No		
16. DOES THE APPLICANT(S) SPECIFY THAT THE	S VARIETY BE		YES" TO ITEM 16,	ED?	CLASSES OF PRODUCTION		
18. DID THE APPLICANT(S) PREVIOUSLY FILE	FOR PROTECT		oundation VARIETY IN THE I	- Innered	Registered Certified		
Sale of product for field trie	als only.				∨os (If "Yes," give date) No		
19. HAS THE VARIETY BEEN RELEASED, OFFE	RED FOR SALE	OR MARKE	TED IN THE U.S. O	н отн	ER COUNTRIES ? Yes (If "Yes," give name.		
Sale of product for field	d trials on	nly.			of countries and dates)		
20. The applicant(s) declare(s) that a viable sam plenished upon request in accordance with s The undersigned applicant(s) is (are) the ow distinct, uniform, and stable as required in S Variety Protection Act. Applicant(s) is (are) informed that false repr	ner(s) of this se section 41, and	as may be ap xually reprod is entitled to	plicable. uced novel plant vi protection under th	riety, he pro	and believe(s) that the variety is visions of Section 42 of the Plant		
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT	P. O.C	Mark.	T- Dis		7 / 70/89		
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT Allew E. Hill V. PRES. FORM WA-470 (7-84) (Edition of 3-84 is obsolete.)							

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Guardian -D83353

EXHIBIT A

ORIGIN AND BREEDING HISTORY

JM5 3/28/90 The Dark Red Kidney bean D83353 was derived from the following cross pollination in the greenhouse during the spring of 1978:

RED KLOUD-4 x MONTCALM

Details of selection and multiplication:

	Year	Generation	Field Number	Bulk Harvest	No. of Single Plant Selections
Summer	1978	F ₁	D78-2204	312 g	
Winter	1978	F ₂	GH D78-77	340 g	
Summer	1979	F ₃	D79-1280		2
Summer	1980	F ₄	D80-0982		2
Summer	1981	F ₅	D81-0929		1
Summer	1982	F ₆	D82-0940	908 g	
Summer	1983	F ₇	D83-0489	3,800 g	
Summer	1984	F ₈	D84-3078	187 lbs	
Summer	1985	F ₉	D85-2444	1,805 lbs	3.
Summer	1986	F ₁₀	D86-3133	1,370 lbs	s

 $\frac{\text{Guardian}}{\text{D83353}}$ has been observed to be stable and uniform since the F6 generation.

Stocks D85-2444 and D86-3133 have been increased to commercial size quantities. Seed Stock will be monitored for purity.

Guardian D83353

EXHIBIT B

NOVELTY STATEMENT

JMS 3/28/90 Our variety D83353 is most nearly like the variety Montcalm, however, it differs in the following areas:

- 1. D83353 has a narrower pod than Montcalm.
- 2. D83353 has a longer pod beak than Montcalm.

Data file FVF83353
Title: PVP98353 VS. MONTCALM 3/28/90
Guardian

Function: ANOVA-1 Data case no. 1 to 80 Without selection

One way ANOVA grouped over variable 1 VARIETY with values from 1 to 2

Variable 5 POD BEAK LENGTH

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE TABLE

	rees of Freedom	Sum of Squares	Error Mean Square	F-value	Prob.
Between Within	1 78	54.4500 623.7500	54.45 8.00	6.81	.010
Total	79	678.2000			

Coefficient of Variation= 22.01%

Var.	V A Number	R I A I	B L E No Average	sD	SE
1 2	40.00	547.000 481.000	13.68 12.02	3.04 2.60	0.45
Total Within	80.00	1028.000	12.85	2.93 2.83	0.33

Bartlett's Test

Chi-square = .958476

Number of Degrees of Freedom = 1

Approximate Significance = .3275

POD BEAK LENGTH

JM5 3/28/90

	40.0	Guardian 083353 MONTCALM					
198	38	198	37	198	38	198	37
14	mm.	12	mm.	13	mm.	14	mm.
15	mm.	15	mm.	17	mm.	16	mm.
9	mm.	9	mm.	11	mm.	11	mm.
10	mm.	12	mm.	13	mm.	14	mm.
18	mm.	19	mm.	16	mm.	10	mm.
14	mm.	20	mm.	14	mm.	8	mm.
12	mm.	19	mm.	10	mm.	12	mm.
16	mm.	9	mm.	15	mm.	9	mm.
14	mm.	10	mm.	11	mm.	9	mm.
16	mm.	9	mm.	13	mm.	12	mm.
17	mm.	11	mm.	14	mm.	7	mm.
17	mm.	13	mm.	13	mm.	14	mm.
8	mm.	14	mm.	10	mm.	9	mm.
15	mm.	13	mm.	14	mm.	11	mm.
10	mm.	18	mm.	10	mm.	15	mm.
13	mm.	14	mm.	15	mm.	7	mm.
15	mm.	15	mm.	13	mm.	8	mm.
12	mm.	14	mm.	13	mm.	15	mm.
13	mm.	15	mm.	13	mm.	11	mm.
13	mm.	15	mm.	12	mm.	9	mm.

Data file FVFE3353
Title: PVF D83353 VS. MONTCALM JMS 3/28/90

Function: ANOVA-1
Data case no. 1 to 80
Without selection

One way ANOVA grouped over variable 1 VARIETY with values from 1 to 2

Variable 4 POD WIDTH

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE TABLE

Dec	grees of Freedom	Sum of Squares	Error Mean Square	F-value	Prob.
Between Within	1 78	8.4500 312.3000	8.45 4.00	2.11	. 150
Total	79	320.7500	10-100-100-100-100-100-100-100-100-100-	ON ADDRESS ASSESS ASSES	

Coefficient of Variation= 16.50%

Var.	V A Number	R I A Sum	B L E No Average	sp 4	GE
2	40.00 40.00	472.000 498.000	11.80 12.45	1.86 2.14	0.32 0.32
Total Within	80.00	970,000	12.13	2.01	0.23

Bartlett's Test

Chi-square = .7544186 Number of Degrees of Freedom = 1 Approximate Significance = .385

POD WIDTH

JMS 3/28/90

Guardian MONTCALM D83353 1987 1988 1988 1987 12 mm. 15 mm. 13 mm. 11 mm. 13 mm. 10 mm. 14 mm. 10 mm. 15 mm. 10 mm. 15 mm. 12 mm. 10 mm. 14 mm. 13 mm. 8 mm. 14 mm. 10 mm. 15 mm. 14 mm. 11 mm 15 mm. 10 mm. 14 mm. 8 mm. 15 mm. 15 mm. 12 mm. 15 mm. 13 mm. 13 mm. 8 mm. 14 mm. 11 mm. 12 mm. 13 mm. 13 mm. 10 mm. 15 mm. 9 mm. 13 mm. 10 mm. 11 mm. 12 mm. 15 mm. 12 mm. 13 mm. 11 mm. 10 mm. 14 mm. 13 mm. 13 mm. 14 mm. 12 mm. 10 mm. 13 mm. 14 mm. 8 mm. 13 mm. 10 mm. 10 mm. 14 mm. 13 mm. 10 mm. 10 mm. 14 mm. 12 mm. 10 mm. 13 mm. 9 mm. 13 mm. 10 mm. 15 mm. 10 mm. 13 mm. 11 mm. 13 mm. 12 mm. 13 mm. 10 mm.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE LIVESTOCK AND SEED DIVISION

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY Dry Edible Bean (Phaseolus vulgaris L.)

JMS 3/28/90

Rogers Brothers Seed Company	D83353	VARIETY NAME
ADDRESS (Street and No. or R.F.D. No., City, State, ZIP)	p . 3033	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
P.O. Box 4727 Boise, Idaho 83711		8900192
Provide data for all characters unless indicated as "o describe this variety. Measured data should be the r Society or any recognized color standard may be us	nean of an appropriate number of well space ed to determine plant color. Designate the	color system used below.
COLOR SYSTEM USED	Twin Falls, Idaho	UATE THIS VARIETY
1. MARKET CLASS 2 Small White Aurora 3 Black Midnight 4 Pinto UI-114 5 Great Northern UI-59 6 Small Red NW-59 7 Pink Vivs 8 Cranberry UI-50 9 Derk Red Kidney Montcalm 10 Light Red Kidney 11 Yellow Eye Steuben 12 Other (specify)	9 5 Days from planting to he Physiological multiple of the physiol	2 = Medium (90-100 days); 3 = Late (>100 days) narvest maturity 5 year average aturity (90% pods dry & buckskin) to harvest maturity (optional). Specify base parvest maturity of check variety (use check class shown in item 1)
3. PLANT HABIT 1 = la Bush-determinate, strong and erect stem al 2 = lb Bush-determinate, weak stem and branche 3 = lla Erect growth habit-indeterminate, guides short or not developed 4 = llb Erect growth habit-indeterminate, guides long, with no ability to climb 5 = Illa Vine-indeterminate, short guides with no 6 = Illb Vine-indeterminate, long guides with abi 7 = IVa Indeterminate climbing, pods distributed the plant 8 = IVb Indeterminate climbing, pods concentrat upper part of the plant	medium to ability to climb throughout about 1 Adaptability about	ight of mature plant, in cm. ight of check variety, in cm. (use same check as above on: 1 = Low (lower pods touching soil surface) 2 = High (lower pods not touching soil surface) 3 = Scattered (not concentrated high or low) by to machine harvest: 1 = Adapted 2 = Not Adapte sistance: 1 = Good 2 = Fair 3 = Poor
4. LEAFLET MORPHOLOGY (Use terminal leaflet of a formula 1	ully expanded trifoliolate) = Dull; 2 = Glossy; 3 = Semiglossy; 4 = Variable	е
SHAPE: 1 = Ovate 2 =	Lanceolate 3 = Deltoid	4 = Cordate 5 = Rhomboid
1 = Acute 2 =	Acuminate 3 = Cuspidate	4 = Obtuse
1 = Obtuse 1 BASE OF LEAFLET:	e = Oblique 3 = Cordate	4 = Cuneare 5 = Attenuate

FLOWER COLOR AND DAYS TO BLOOM
3 COLOR OF STANDARD: 1 = White; 2 = Cream; 3 = Pink; 4 = Blue; 5 = Purple 3 COLOR OF KEEL: 1 = White; 2 = Cream; 3 = Pink; 4 = Blue; 5 = Purple
COLOR OF WINGS: 1 = White; 2 = Cream; 3 = Pink; 4 = Blue; 5 = Purple 1
. POD MORPHOLOGY (Green pod morphology optional)
Green Mature COLOR PATTERN: 1 = Solid; 2 = Striped; 3 = Blotched; 4 = Mottled; 5 = Other
At physiological maturity 1 = Purple; 2 = Red; 3 = Green; 4 = Yellow; 5 = Tan; 6 = Brown; 7 = Other
COLOR 1 = Light; 2 = Light Medium; 3 = Medium; 4 = Medium Dark; 5 = Dark
SECONDARY 1 = Purple; 2 = Red; 3 = Green; 4 = Yellow; 5 = Tan; 6 = Brown; 7 = Other
1 CROSS SECTION 1 = Flat 2 = Pear 3 = Round 4 = Figure Eight SHAPE:
2 POD 1 = Straight 2 = Slightly Curved 3 = Curved 4 = Recurved
3 POD BEAK ORIENTATION: 2 = Curved Upward 3 = Curved Downward 4 = Variable Average beak length, in cm. 1 · 368
3 CONSTRICTIONS: 1 = None; 2 = Slight; 3 = Deep
4 Average number of seeds per pod
. SEED COLOR
1 = Shiny; 2 = Dull; 3 = Semishiny; 4 = Variable 1 1 = Monochrome; 2 = Polychrome
PRIMARY 1 = White; 2 = Yellow; 3 = Buff; 4 = Tan; COLOR: 5 = Brown; 6 = Pink; 7 = Red; 8 = Purple; 9 = Blue; 10 = Black; 11 = Other SECONDARY 1 = White; 2 = Yellow; 3 = Buff; 4 = Tan; COLOR: 5 = Brown; 6 = Pink; 7 = Red; 8 = Purple; 9 = Blue; 10 = Black; 11 = Other
COLOR 1 = Solid; 2 = Splashed; 3 = Mottled; PATTERN: 4 = Striped; 5 = Flecked; 6 = Dotted 1 HILAR RING: 1 = Absent; 2 = Present
HILAR RING COLOR: 1 = White; 2 = Yellow; 3 = Buff; 4 = Tan; 5 = Brown; 6 = Pink; 7 = Red; 8 = Purple; 9 = Blue; 10 = Black; 11 = Other
. SEED SHAPE AND WEIGHT
SHAPE OF SEED TAKEN 1 = Round 2 = Oval 3 = Cuboid 4 = Kidney 5 = Truncate Fastigiate The state of the state

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9. ANTHOCYANIN	PIGMENTATION 2 Flowers	1 Stems	1 Pods	1 Seeds		
1 = ABSENT 2 = PRESENT	1 Leaves	1 Petioles	s 1 Peduno	eles 1 Node	s	
0. KNOWN DISEAS	E REACTION					
Wilt, Scierotinia	white mold, Ang	jular leaf spot, Bacte	erial wilt. Halo blight	t. Fuscous blight Co	ommon bacterial	Rhizoctonia root rot, Pythius blight, Red node virus, Pod an southern mosaic virus,
REACTION: 1	Susceptible; 2 =	Resistant: 3 = Toleran	nt; 4 = Avoicance			
	(Give the common	n name (CN), scientific	name (SN), and race(s), where applicable)		
2 DISEASE:	cn Bean Comm	on Mosaic Viru	IS SN Marmor p	haseoli :	Race(s) NY 1	5 & BV 1
4 DISEASE:	cnWhite mol	d	: snSclerotium	sclerotiorum;	Race(s)	
DISEASE:	CN		; SN		Race(s)	
DISEASE:	CN		; sn		Race(s)	
DISEASE:	CN		_; sn		Race(s)	
DISEASE:	CN		; sn		Race(s)	
Mexican bean I	MON NAME: A beetle, Root kno	phids, Bean pod wee	eed maggot, Spider n	Corn earworm, Flea nites, Thrips, Weevil	beetle, Leaf hop s, Western bean o	per, Lesion nematode, Lygu cutworm, Other (specify)
		ne (CN), scientific name				
PEST: CN		; sr	N	; Bio	туре	
PEST: CN		: sr	N	; Bio	type	
PEST: CN.		; sr	N	; Bio	type	
12. KNOWN PHYSIC	LOGICAL STRES	S REACTION				
1 = Susceptible; ; 3 = Tolerant; 4		Heat C	Cold Droug	ht Air Pollu	ution	
Nutrient toxicity	or deficiency (spec	ify nutrient)				
Other						(大学)

13. COMMENTS

Guardian D83353

EXHIBIT D

BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

JMS 190

Dark Red Kidney bean D83353 is an upright variety with well filled pods and a fairly small plant. It has a Type IA plant habit.

D83353 matures in 95 days (5 year average) in Twin Falls, Idaho, which is the same as Montcalm (maturity defined as 90% of pods turned from green to buckskin).

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D83353 has resistance to the NY 15 strain of Bean Common Mosaic

Virus.

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The seed size of D83353 averages 1002 seeds per pound compared to 976 seeds per pound for Montcalm. In canning tests, D83353 Guardian produces canned product comparable to Montcalm's quality.

D83353 has out yielded Montcalm by an average of 47 pounds per acre in Twin Falls, Idaho, for the years 1983-1987.

D83353 has shown adaptability in the production areas of Idaho, New York and Washington.

Guardian D83353

EXHIBIT E

APPLICANT'S OWNERSHIP

JMS 3/28/90

Variety D83353 was developed by Ronald Shellenberger, Ph.D., a Rogers Brothers Seed Company plant breeder, with Rogers Brothers Seed Company funding the development of the variety. By agreement between employees and Rogers Brothers Seed Company, all rights to any variety developed by employees are assigned to the Company. No rights to such varieties are retained by employees.

State of Delaware Office of the Secretary of State

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I, WILLIAM T. QUILLEN, SERCRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE SAID "ROGERS NK SEED CO.", FILED A CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT, CHANGING ITS NAME TO "ROGERS SEED CO.", THE FIFTH DAY OF MAY, A.D. 1994, AT 9 O'CLOCK A.M.

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William T. Quillen, Secretary of State

AUTHENTICATION:

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DATE:

05-16-94

STATE OF DELAWARE SECRETARY OF STATE DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS FILED 09:00 AM 05/05/1994 944080001 - 810041

CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT

OF

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF ROGERS NK SEED CO.

Adopted in accordance with the provisions of Section 242 of the General Corporation

Law of the State of Delaware

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 1, 1994

We, Willem van Overschot, President, and Richard B. Geller, Secretary, of Rogers NK Seed Co., a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, do hereby certify as follows:

FIRST: The Certificate of Incorporation of the corporation was filed on 2/27/75.

SECOND: The Certificate of Incorporation of said corporation has been amended as follows:

By striking out the whole of Article I thereof as it now exists and inserting in lieu and instead thereof, a new Article I, reading as follows:

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of the Corporation is ROGERS SEED CO.

THIRD: Such amendment has been duly adopted in accordance with the provisions of the General Corporation of Law of the State of Delaware, by the unanimous written consent of all of the stockholders entitled to vote in accordance with the provisions of Section 228 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

FOURTH: See attached Written Consent of Sole Shareholder and Board of Directors' Resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have signed this certificate this _______, day of ________, 1994.

Willem van Overschot, President

Richard B. Geller, Secretary

Without

ROGERS NK SEED CO.

WRITTEN CONSENT OF SOLE SHAREHOLDER

SANDOZ CORPORATION, owner of all of the issued and outstanding shares of ROGERS NK SEED CO., hereby consents, pursuant to Section 228 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, to the adoption of the following resolution as and for the act of the shareholder:

RESOLVED, that SANDOZ CORPORATION, as sole shareholder, approves the amendment to Article I of the Certificate of Incorporation of ROGERS NK SEED CO., changing its name to ROGERS SEED CO.

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Dated: 122 , 1994

Heinz P. Imhof, Chief Executive Officer Sandoz Corporation ROGERS NK SEED CO.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that according to Section 242 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, that Article I of the Certificate of Incorporation be amended, effective June 1, 1994, to read as follows: The name of the Corporation is ROGERS SEED CO.; and, further,

RESOLVED, that the appropriate officers of Rogers NK Seed Co. be, and they hereby are, authorized to take any and all further action and execute and deliver any and all further documents that may be necessary or desirable in order to carry out and effectuate fully the purposes set forth in the foregoing resolution.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE BOARD MARCH 31, 1994

Richard B. Geller, Secretary

State of Delaware PAGE 1 Office of the Secretary of State

I, EDWARD J. FREEL, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF MERGER, WHICH MERGES:

"ROGERS SEED CO.", A DELAWARE CORPORATION,

WITH AND INTO "NOVARTIS SEEDS, INC." UNDER THE NAME OF "NOVARTIS SEEDS, INC.", A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, AS RECEIVED AND FILED IN THIS OFFICE THE TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF JUNE, A.D. 1997, AT 9 O'CLOCK A.M.

A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS FOR RECORDING.

Edward J. Freel, Secretary of State

AUTHENTICATION:

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DATE:

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STATE OF DELAWARE SECRETARY OF STATE DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS FILED 09:00 AM 06/25/1997 971211767 - 0829320

OF ROGERS SEED CO. INTO NOVARTIS SEEDS, INC.

The undersigned corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the General Corporation Law of Delaware,

DOES HEREBY CERTIFY:

FIRST: That the name and state of incorporation of each on the constituent corporations of the merger is as follows:

NAME

STATE OF INCORPORATION

Novartis Seeds, Inc. Rogers Seed Co.

Delaware Delaware

SECOND: That an Agreement and Plan of Merger between the parties to the merger has been approved, adopted, certified, executed and acknowledged by each of the constituent corporations in accordance with the requirements of section 251 of the General Corporation Law of Delaware

THIRD: That the name of the surviving corporation is Novartis Seeds, Inc.

EQURTH: That the Certificate of Incorporation of Novartis Seeds, Inc., a Delaware corporation which will survive the merger, shall be the Certificate of Incorporation of the surviving corporation.

EETH: That the executed Agreement and Plan of Merger is on file at the principal place of business of the surviving corporation, the address of which is 7500 Olson Memorial Highway, Golden Valley, MN 55427.

SIXTH That a copy of the Agreement and Plan of Merger will be furnished by the surviving corporation, on request and without cost, to any stockholder of any constituent corporation.

SEVENTH: That this Certificate of Merger shall be effective on July 1, 1997.

Dated June 23, 1997

NOVARTIS SEEDS, INC.

Name: Edward C. Resler

Title: Vice President & General Counsel